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## ***Haiti – Storms***

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*Note: The last fact sheet was dated November 14, 2008.*

### **KEY DEVELOPMENTS**

- USAID/OFDA recently provided nearly \$450,000 through USAID/Haiti to support the design and construction of a temporary low-water crossing at the Ennery Bridge site in Artibonite Department. USAID/Haiti plans to fund the construction of a permanent bridge at the location.
- USAID/OFDA provided an additional \$1 million through USAID/Haiti in support of new livelihood recovery programs to be implemented in affected areas.
- USAID/OFDA has recently hired a local disaster management consultant to begin working in Haiti in early January 2009. In close coordination with the USAID/OFDA Latin America and the Caribbean regional office in San José, Costa Rica, the consultant will assess humanitarian needs and assist in the implementation of USAID/OFDA disaster assistance activities in Haiti.
- From December 9 to 12, a joint U.N. World Food Program (WFP) and World Bank mission on food security visited affected areas in Haiti, including Gonaïves and Baie d'Orange cities in Artibonite and Southeast departments, respectively.
- On December 12, USAID/OFDA stood down the USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART). A USAID/OFDA regional advisor will remain focused on Haiti through April 2009, to continue coordination of U.S. Government (USG) humanitarian activities with the Government of Haiti (GOH), USAID/Haiti, U.S. Embassy in Port au Prince, and implementing partners.

<b>NUMBERS AT A GLANCE</b>		<b>SOURCE</b>
<b>Total Affected Population</b>	826,685	OCHA <sup>1</sup> – October 2008
<b>Dead</b>	793	GOH – October 2008
<b>Missing</b>	310	GOH – October 2008
<b>IDPs<sup>2</sup></b>	151,072	GOH – September 2008
<b>IDPs Currently in Shelters</b>	35,000 - 40,000	IOM <sup>3</sup> – October 2008
<b>Other Damage</b>	22,702 houses destroyed, 84,625 houses damaged	GOH – October 2008

### **FY 2008 AND FY 2009 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING TO DATE FOR HAITI HURRICANES**

USAID/OFDA Assistance <sup>4</sup> .....	\$11,819,338
USAID/FFP <sup>5</sup> Assistance <sup>6</sup> .....	\$14,000,000
USAID/Haiti Assistance .....	\$5,000,000
DOD <sup>7</sup> Assistance .....	\$2,631,877
DHS <sup>8</sup> Assistance <sup>9</sup> .....	\$204,765
<b>Total USG Humanitarian Assistance to Haiti for Hurricanes.....</b>	<b>\$33,655,980</b>

### **CURRENT SITUATION**

- The results of a country-wide family survey conducted by Emergency Shelter Cluster (ESC) indicated that at least 47 percent of storm-affected families continue to live with host families in Gonaïves city, as well as in Grande Anse and North departments.

<sup>1</sup> U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

<sup>2</sup> Internally displaced persons (IDPs)

<sup>3</sup> International Organization for Migration (IOM)

<sup>4</sup> This amount includes actual assistance provided and funds allocated for forthcoming assistance as of December 18, 2008.

<sup>5</sup> USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

<sup>6</sup> This amount does not include previous USAID/FFP contributions in response to other emergencies in Haiti in FY 2008.

<sup>7</sup> U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)

<sup>8</sup> U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

<sup>9</sup> DHS assistance represents funding for U.S. Coast Guard helicopter transport.

- In Gonaïves, more than 2,000 families living in temporary and collective shelters continue to require assistance from the international community. The severity of damage caused by the storms, combined with fact that many families were displaced from rented houses, has complicated return efforts.

### ***Nutrition***

- A rapid assessment conducted by multiple humanitarian agencies in late October and early November indicated a pocket of malnutrition in Baie d'Orange, Southeast Department, resulting in the medical evacuation of more than 60 children. Various U.N. and media sources also reported multiple malnutrition-related deaths in the area.
- According to OCHA, the majority of the children hospitalized in November have since returned home. Upon return, WFP provided the children and families with high energy biscuits. Save the Children/U.S. (SC/US) is also providing psycho-social attention for both children and parents with funding from USAID/OFDA.
- On November 24, in response to the initial reports of malnutrition-related deaths, the USAID/OFDA senior regional advisor and USAID/Haiti health officer contacted the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) Chief of Health and Nutrition in Haiti to discuss assessment results, and in close coordination with the Nutrition Cluster, formulate an appropriate humanitarian response to include strengthened nutrition surveillance programs.
- In early December, the USAID/DART leader met with UNICEF representatives and implementing partners to address reports of malnutrition and plan support for follow-up activities. A USAID/OFDA disaster management consultant also conducted field visits in Port de Paix in Northwest Department, Gonaïves in Artibonite Department, and Jacmel and Baie d'Orange in Southeast Department.
- According to OCHA, SC/US, UNICEF, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), and the U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) carried out additional nutrition assessments in areas of concern, focusing in remote areas of Southeast Department. In addition, humanitarian organizations operating in Southeast Department have announced the opening of a school canteen to address malnutrition among children.

### ***Emergency Food Assistance***

- As of December 11, WFP had distributed nearly 12,173 metric tons (MT) of food to an estimated 647,000 beneficiaries, including approximately 407 MT of food assistance delivered to Gonaïves between December 6 and 9. According to OCHA, WFP continues to utilize helicopters in order to transport food assistance to isolated areas throughout the country, including Baie d'Orange in Southeast Department.
- USAID continues to respond to emergency needs in Haiti through USAID/FFP. To date, USAID/FFP has allocated \$14 million in P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance to Haiti in order to address the needs of flood-affected populations. The assistance includes 870 MT provided to CARE, 2,000 MT provided to World Vision, 910 MT provided to Catholic Relief Services, and 4,620 MT of commodities provided for the WFP Emergency Operation (EMOP).

### ***Shelter***

- During the week of December 1, the ESC conducted an assessment of displaced families residing in collective centers in flood-affected areas. Results indicated that nearly 83 percent of families surveyed in North Department, and 93 percent of families in Grand-Anse Department do not have the resources necessary to begin reconstruction and repair of storm and flood-damaged houses. In addition, between 70 and 100 percent of affected individuals surveyed indicated an inability to rebuild houses without some form of technical assistance with reconstruction.
- In Gonaïves, the ESC assessment indicated that 2,167 families reside in 34 non-school temporary shelters and collective centers in Gonaïves, including approximately 600 families located in tent camps.
- On December 5, the GOH Department of Civil Protection confirmed the location and availability of five tent sites in and around Gonaïves to be used as transit sites for families unable to return to areas of origin. However, OCHA reports that transit sites will be made available only to IDPs that own houses damaged by storms and floods, in order to prevent sites from becoming permanent settlements.
- Following verification and assessment of damage, ESC members plan to distribute shelter repair kits to more than 1,000 families during the week of December 15. The level of structural damage will determine the type of shelter kit distributed. Shelter kits include wood, cement, corrugated galvanized iron, tools and plastic sheeting.

## **USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE SUMMARY**

- On September 2, U.S. Ambassador Janet A. Sanderson issued a disaster declaration in response to Hurricane Gustav and resulting flooding throughout Haiti. In FY 2008 and to date in FY 2009, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$11.8 million in humanitarian assistance to disaster-affected populations in Haiti, including support for logistics, emergency relief supplies, economy and market systems, shelter and settlements, coordination, health, agriculture and food security, protection, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) interventions.
- Between September 4 and 26, three OFDA-chartered aircrafts arrived in Port au Prince, delivering emergency relief supplies, including 15,264 hygiene kits, 25,350 ten-liter water containers, 1,200 rolls of plastic sheeting, and 5 water

bladders. Valued at \$841,000, including transportation costs, the relief commodities benefited more than 200,000 people.

- On September 7, USAID/OFDA authorized the deployment of a three-person Americas Support Team (AST) to Haiti. The AST, staffed by the Fairfax County Urban Search and Rescue Team and funded by USAID/OFDA, deployed to Haiti to supplement the U.N. Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) team based in Gonaïves. In mid-October, USAID/OFDA donated three AST tents, valued at more than \$40,000, to OCHA/Haiti to ensure continued humanitarian coordination in Gonaïves.
- USAID/Haiti is working to re-direct \$5 million in funds toward food and other assistance to meet critical needs related to the growing humanitarian crisis.
- USAID/FFP is providing \$14 million in response to the U.N. Flash Appeal, including approximately \$7 million provided for EMOP activities. The contribution will enable WFP and private voluntary organization (PVO) partners to respond to relief and recovery food aid needs in Haiti.
- As of October 10, DOD had provided support valued at more than \$2.6 million in response to a USAID request for helicopter transport.

### USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR HURRICANES IN 2008

FY 2009			
Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE <sup>1</sup>			
World Concern	Agriculture and Food Security	Affected Areas	\$1,185,400
OCHA/Haiti	Coordination <sup>2</sup>	Artibonite Department	\$40,456
OCHA	Logistics <sup>3</sup>	Affected Areas	\$8,544
USAID/Haiti	Logistics	Artibonite Department	\$447,706
USAID/Haiti	Economy and Market Systems	Affected Areas	\$1,000,000
	Administrative Support		\$13,093
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2009</b>			<b>\$2,695,199</b>
<b>TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR HURRICANES IN FY 2009</b>			<b>\$2,695,199</b>
FY 2008			
Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			
American Red Cross	Logistics, Emergency Relief Supplies	Artibonite, Southeast, and Grand Anse Departments	\$500,000
CHF	Economy and Market Systems	Artibonite and West Departments	\$1,995,062
IOM	Shelter and Settlements, Coordination	Affected Areas	\$1,506,008
OCHA	Logistics	Affected Areas	\$69,996
Pan American Development Organization (PADF)	Shelter and Settlements, Logistics, Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$158,560
Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)	Health	Affected Areas	\$500,000
SC/US	Protection	Artibonite, West, and Southeast Departments	\$600,000
USAID/Haiti	Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$150,000
USAID/Haiti, IOM	Emergency Relief Supplies, Including Transportation	Affected Areas	\$845,232

WFP	Logistics	Affected Areas	\$2,000,000
World Vision	Logistics, WASH	Central Plateau, Artibonite and Northwest Departments	\$750,000
	Administrative Support		\$49,281
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008</b>			<b>\$9,124,139</b>
<b>USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE<sup>4</sup></b>			
WFP and PVOs	P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Affected Areas	\$14,000,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008</b>			<b>\$14,000,000</b>
<b>USAID/HAITI ASSISTANCE<sup>5</sup></b>			
	Emergency Relief Activities	Affected Areas	\$5,000,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/HAITI HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008</b>			<b>\$5,000,000</b>
<b>DOD ASSISTANCE<sup>6</sup></b>			
	Emergency Relief Activities	Affected Areas	\$2,631,877
<b>TOTAL DOD HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008</b>			<b>\$2,631,877</b>
<b>DHS ASSISTANCE</b>			
	Transportation and Logistics	Affected Areas	\$204,765
<b>TOTAL DHS HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008</b>			<b>\$204,765</b>
<b>TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR HURRICANES IN FY 2008</b>			<b>\$30,960,781</b>
<b>FY 2009 AND FY 2008 HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO DATE</b>			
<b>USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$11,819,338</b>
<b>USAID/FFP</b>			<b>\$14,000,000</b>
<b>USAID/HAITI</b>			<b>\$5,000,000</b>
<b>DHS</b>			<b>\$204,765</b>
<b>DOD</b>			<b>\$2,631,877</b>
<b>TOTAL USG FY 2008 AND FY 2009 HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR HURRICANES IN FY 2008</b>			<b>\$33,655,980</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of December 18, 2008.

<sup>2</sup> USAID/OFDA donation of meeting tents through AST is not included in the \$10 million pledged by USAID/OFDA.

<sup>3</sup> Funding reflects AST transport of UNDAC module. The amount is not included in the \$10 million pledged by USAID/OFDA.

<sup>4</sup> Estimated value of food assistance.

<sup>5</sup> Funding reprogrammed from development to humanitarian relief activities.

<sup>6</sup> Funding approved for humanitarian relief activities in Haiti. The revised figure reflects costs added retroactively to include hourly utilization rates for helicopter transport in support of the emergency response.

## PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. Information on organizations responding to the humanitarian situation in Latin America and the Caribbean may be available at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int).
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, warehouse space, etc); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
  - USAID: [www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov) – Keyword: Donations
  - The Center for International Disaster Information: [www.cidi.org](http://www.cidi.org) or (703) 276-1914
  - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int)

USAID/OFDA bulletins appear on the USAID web site at [http://www.usaid.gov/our\\_work/humanitarian\\_assistance/disaster\\_assistance/](http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/)